

**LOUISVILLE METRO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY**

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Members Present: Judge Judith Bartholomew, Chair; Kim Allen; Richard Badaracco; Evan Roach (Designee for Gary Barnes); Mark Bolton; Timothy D. Cox; Sheriall Cunningham; Walker "Critt" Cunningham; William DeNardi; Leo G. Smith (Designee for Dan Goyette); Bishop Walter Jones; Carla Kreitman; Richard Lewis; Wanda Baker (Designee for David L. Nicholson); Jonathon K. Huls (Designee for Shane Smith); and Col. Robert White.

Excused Members: Candy Hill; David Nicholson; Judge James Shake; and Clarence Williams.

Guests Present: Kevin Connell (Jefferson County Circuit Court Clerk's Office); Lt. Charlie Edelen (Louisville Metro Police Department); Ronnie Harris (Jefferson County Circuit Court Clerk's Office); Julie Hayes (District Court Administrator); Richard L. O'Malley (Jefferson County Attorney's Office); Maurice Risner (Jefferson County Public Schools); and Monzella Wells (Drug Court).

Staff Present: Faith Augustine; Betsy Helm; Bruce McMichael; Tracey Neathery; and Stephanie Stidham.

I. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Judge Bartholomew called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY OF APRIL 16, 2009 MEETING

The summary of the April 16, 2009 meeting was unanimously approved as submitted.

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Domestic Violence Intake Center

Kevin Connell, Chief Administrative Officer, Jefferson County Circuit Court Clerk's Office

Mr. Connell reported on the progress toward creating a centralized location for the intake center for domestic violence victims. The project team involves a

collaboration between the Jefferson County Circuit Court Clerk's Office, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, and the Jefferson County Attorney's Office. The center, to be located in expanded space in the Hall of Justice, will allow victims of domestic violence to have 24-hour access to needed services from the Clerk's Office and the County Attorney. The target date for completion is August 2009.

Discussion followed regarding the comparison of Louisville's 2008 Domestic Violence statistics to those of other cities of the same size. Richard O'Malley reported that according to available records, Louisville receives an average number of incoming reports, but is below average as it relates to the number of cases that go to court. Chief Robert White reported that LMPD tracks all domestic violence cases and the majority involve assaults. He reported that DV cases are on the rise, including a significant increase in the number of domestic violence-related murders.

IV. REVIEW OF THE METRO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION (MCJC) ORDINANCE & MEMBERSHIP RECOMMENDATIONS AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

A. Ordinance & Membership Recommendations – Kim Allen reviewed the proposed revisions to the ordinance. Representatives of the ATF, DEA and FBI have received approval from counsel to participate as ex-officio members. A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the revisions and to submission of the recommendations to the Mayor's Office.

B. Strategic Priorities – Ms. Allen reviewed the Strategic Priorities of the MCJC included in the meeting packet. A motion was made and approved to adopt the Strategic Priorities as drafted.

V. US SENATE BILL 714, ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Ms. Allen presented an overview of Senate Bill 714, which is entitled the "Criminal Justice Commission Act of 2009." The bill, introduced by Senator Jim Webb (D-VA) seeks to establish a National Criminal Justice Commission to undertake an 18-month, comprehensive review of the entire criminal justice system; to make findings related to federal/state policies, practices and costs; and submit reform recommendations to the President/Congress. Ms Allen took part in a telephone conference call to discuss SB 714 and identify concerns including the short time period for the review, the lack of qualifications of the proposed commissioners, and the lack of attention to local justice issues. A hearing is scheduled for June 11th in the Senate Judiciary Crime and Drugs Subcommittee. Exploratory meetings are being held in the House of Representatives to gauge interest in a companion bill. Ms. Allen will advise the commission as this bill moves to the Senate floor,

anticipated to occur in September. Commission members with questions are urged to contact Ms. Allen or the MCJC staff.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Computerization Projects – Carla Kreitman, Committee Chair, reported the committee met to consider a presentation by APPRIS, Inc., regarding the expansion of VINE notification beyond victims to include police departments and/or the community. Future meetings will include a presentation by Director Mark Bolton regarding projects involving Metro Corrections.

B. e-Subpoena Project Committee – Stephanie Stidham reported that during the May 2009 CJC Board meeting, the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) proposal under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, involving an electronic subpoena and court notification project, was approved. The CJC e-Subpoena Project Committee was formed with a primary focus to oversee the development and submission of a Request for Proposal (RFP) to contract with a vendor to design and implement an electronic subpoena system for Jefferson County that can be replicated for use statewide. Betsy Helm reported that a list of functional and technology requirements is being collected for presentation to the committee. The estimated timetable includes an August contract award date.

C. Legislative Committee – According to Ms. Stidham, the Committee will be reviewing recommendations for legislative changes for the 2010 legislative session. She will contact Legislative Committee members to schedule a meeting. One bill of particular interest to those within the community and the local criminal justice system is the expansion to allow protective orders for couples in dating relationships. Ms. Stidham advised that the legislative request for study of the Penal Code requires submission of a final report in December 2009 for consideration in January 2010.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Proposal, Review/Approval - The Criminal Justice Commission Board serves as the public review body for the JAG program. In addition to Commission Board members, a member of the Jefferson County Public Schools and a member of a substance abuse treatment program also review and vote on the proposals. Maurice Risner, Jefferson County Public Schools and Monzella Wells, Jefferson County Drug Court, serve as the respective representatives. Chief Robert White, briefed members on the Metro Police Department grant proposal totaling \$686,181. The proposed equipment purchases include: Neighborhood Watch surveillance cameras; replacement vehicles; and ATVs with trailers. Additionally, Chief White discussed LMPD's \$200,000 proposal to implement crime prevention initiatives such as billboards and flyers. He noted

that the request includes \$50,000 for proposed overtime funding for crime initiatives to focus LMPD attention on communities identified as experiencing violent crimes issues. The remainder of the proposal, \$50,000, presented by Faith Augustine, will fund the continued services (such as rental assistance, transportation assistance or substance abuse counseling) for participants in the Justice Reinvestment Project in the Newburg area. Judge Bartholomew called for a formal vote. A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the grant proposal as presented.

B. Unserved Summons - Mr. Richard O'Malley reported that the Jefferson County Attorney's Office (JCAO) is working to clear up issues relating to outstanding unserved summonses in Jefferson County. By the end of July, he advises the JCAO will have reviewed over 14,000 summons and identify those that are no longer viable cases for prosecution. The remaining summonses will be entered into the e-Warrant system.

VIII. ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, August 20, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Crown Room of the Judicial Center.